

INDOT 2030 Plan Update Early Coordination Meeting Notes

NIRCC (Fort Wayne MPO) at Fort Wayne MPO Office, June 23, 2004 1:30 - 4:15 PM

In Attendance: *John Leckie, Fort Wayne District Development Engineer*
Dan Avery, NIRCC Executive Director
Steve Smith, INDOT Central Office, Planning Manager
Roy Nunnally, INDOT, Central Office, Planning

Steve Smith kicked the meeting off discussing the meeting's purpose and expected outcome. Steve provided additional detail relative to the INDOT statewide 2030 model output and distributed maps displaying the outputs for both the build and no-build networks. Steve also provided additional detail relative to the Oversight and Technical Group Committees and note that the Oversight Committee members include division chiefs from Planning, Programming, Multimodal, and others while the technical committee would include the planning section staff, staff from program development, engineering and so on. Steve notes the concept is to meet at least once a month to discuss policies, planning issues, and information received from planning organizations and planning analysis. Dan commented and provided data in presentation form relative to equity issues for the Fort Wayne District and also made comments relative to the SR 930 relinquishment issue. Steve notes that some of these issues are currently being discussed at the Oversight Committee level and that the committee is developing a relinquishment policy that will handle issues/facilities similar to SR 930. Steve notes that the Oversight Committee will also continue discussions relative to equity in the plan.

Dan Avery provided a list of major expansion projects extracted from the INDOT 25-year plan that were evaluated and provided comments relative to changes in the project priority, proposed projects, and recommended changes in project scope.

PROJECT EVALUATION DISCUSSIONS

1. US 30 Projects from I-69 to Flaugh Road - NIRCC notes that these projects are OK and are now targeted for 2009. Last year there was debate to move the projects out to 2015 based on recommendations from an Engineers Report developed in 2002. Approximately 3-months ago, it was decided that INDOT would continue moving forward on this project. The project is currently listed in the INDOT 25-Year Plan with RFC Dates of 2006.

Comment: *The INDOT planning section will update the RFC Date to 2009 as recommended by programming in the 2030 plan update.*

2. SR 930 Added Travel Lane Projects – NIRCC recommends advancing ATL project # 342 from Lincoln Ave to Minnich Road (New Haven Area) The District note they prefer the 2013 date listed in the plan. NIRCC note they support ATL project # 341 from Parnell to Crescent Ave and reiterated that the corridor is part of the NHS, serves various public institutions, and a major sports-entertainment arena. NIRCC questions INDOT's decision not to proceed with project #341. NIRCC notes it does not intend to remove this project from their Transportation Plan.

Comment: *INDOT is developing a relinquishment policy that will handle this issue.*

3. SR 14 Corridor – NIRCC expressed support to advance INDOT LRP project # 725 from West Hamilton Rd to Scott Road. The plan lists the project with a 2019 RFC Date, NIRCC recommends advancing the project date to 2015-2016. NIRCC also proposes a new project from the Whitley County Line Road to West Hamilton Road for the 2016 timeframe. NIRCC notes that residential and commercial development is expected to increase significantly over the years. NIRCC also notes that a private utility company in Whitley County has plans to extend water and sewer lines to 900 acres adjacent to the SR 14 facility. NIRCC commented on the 2030 statewide model build output for the corridor (Build Network 052504). NIRCC notes that the LOS “F” identified in the model reflects the model networks limitation which does not include local networks and local improvements on these networks. NIRCC has recommended that the parallel Bass Road Corridor be upgraded to a 4-lane facility and are pushing to advance this project earlier. NIRCC is also recommending that the parallel Covington Road Corridor is upgraded to a 3-lane facility. The District recommends that INDOT conducts environmental assessments for both the county line to West Hamilton project and the West Hamilton to Scott Road segment.

Comment: *The INDOT planning supports extending the SR 14 project to the Whitley County line. The planning section will continue coordinating efforts with NIRCC in developing alternative for the SR 14 corridor to reduce anticipated congestion and demand issues.*

4. US 33 from O’Day Rd to SR 205 – INDOT currently list in the 25-year plan project # 504, Road Reconstruction at this segment, RFC Date 2015. Fort Wayne MPO supports adding capacity to this segment per the Fort Wayne District’s recommendation.

Comment: *The INDOT planning section concurs with recommendations to upgrade project # 504 to an Added Travel Lane project. Both the INDOT 2030 Statewide Model and HERS_IN analysis identify the segment as needing added travel lanes by 2020 (2-lanes recommended). The planning section will evaluate this proposal to be included in the 2030 plan update.*

5. US 30 Corridor, Whitley County – Fort Wayne notes that Whitley County is marketing US 30 as an industrial corridor and that Allen County would also like to market US 30 in Allen County as a industrial corridor for economic and market competitive reasons.

Comment: *No Comment.*

6. US 30 at I-69 – NIRCC notes that this interchange is under-designed. US 30 functions as an expressway with no access to EB Flaugh Road. NIRCC notes the EB to NB lanes are sub-standard and are not adequate for truck movement. NIRCC notes that the ramps need to be modified. The district notes they have plans to make the EB to NB ramp a T-Intersection.

Comment: *The I-69 and US 30 interchange is discussed in the INDOT Interstate Interchange Planning Study developed in January 2002. The study is considered a supplemental document to the INDOT long range plan. The study recommends a partial cloverleaf design to improve the existing interchange. If the district recommends a T-intersection and this would bring the interchange up to standard than the district should program the improvement in SPMS.*

7. I-69 from I-469 to N. Jct with US 24 - INDOT currently list this project in our 25-year plan as project # 728, Added Travel Lanes with a 2025 RFC Date. Fort Wayne MPO recommends advancing the project to the 2018-2020 timeframe in the INDOT 2030 plan. The district supports NIRCC recommendation.

Comment: *The INDOT planning section will evaluate this project recommendation. Currently neither the Statewide Model or HERS_IN model identifies added capacity issues prior to 2025. INDOT will continue to coordinate efforts with both the district and MPO relative to the project's need, fiscal constraint, and funding period.*

8. I-469 from I-69 to Maplecrest Rd – NIRCC notes aggressive growth for this segment in the near future. NIRCC notes ROW will quickly become an issue in the near future as residential and commercial development increases adjacent to the segment. NIRCC recommends an added travel lanes project and encourages INDOT to begin early ROW acquisition to avoid ROW issues as travel demand increases for the segment.

Comment: *NIRCC is fully aware of INDOT's policy prohibiting advanced land acquisition. The INDOT 2030 model network shows a LOS "C" by 2030.*

9. I-469 from Maplecrest Rd to SR 37 - – NIRCC also notes aggressive growth for this segment in the near future. The NIRCC notes ROW will quickly become an issue in the near future as residential and commercial development increases adjacent to the segment. NIRCC recommends INDOT begins early ROW acquisition to avoid ROW issues.
10. SR 3 from Dupont Road to Gump Road – NIRCC recommends that INDOT extend SR 3 Added Travel Lane project # 325 from Ludwig Road to Dupont Road, RFC 2005, to Gump Road. The District supports the MPO's recommendation.

Comment: *Project # 325, Des No. 9704140, is currently programmed in SPMS and has cleared PE. The planning section will need to continue coordination with both the district and MPO to evaluate a potential project from Dupont to Gump Road in the plan update.*

11. SR 8 from SR 327 to I-69 – INDOT currently list an Added Travel Lane project, project # 522, RFC Date 2012 in its 25-Year plan. NIRCC recommend advancing this project due to significant increases in commercial/industrial development. NIRCC notes adjacent land will be rezoned industrial. The district supports NIRCC's recommendation.

Comment: *Due to the 2012 RFC Date in addition to the project being programmed in SPMS as Des No. 0100970, this project cannot be moved forward much. The planning section will need to coordinate efforts with both the district and MPO to determine an earlier date and also discuss the request with INDOT's programming section.*

12. SR 1 from SR 116/124 Interchange to I-469 – NIRCC recommends an Added Travel Lanes project for this segment. The district supports NIRCC's recommendation.

Comment: *The INDOT 2030 Statewide Model shows a LOS "D". The INDOT planning section also supports this recommendation for inclusion into the INDOT 2030 plan update.*

13. US 224 from SR 1 to I-69 – NIRCC recommends adding travel lanes to this segment due to industrial development. The district supports the NIRCC’s recommendation.

Comment: *The INDOT 2030 build network shows a LOS “C”. The INDOT planning section will continue coordinating efforts with the district and MPO for further development.*

PLANNING ISSUES

- None

OTHER ISSUES

- I-69 from SR 1 to County Road 11a (or perhaps SR 8) – NIRCC is in concurrence with the district office recommendation for added travel lanes on Interstate 69.
- SR 37 from I-469 to Antwerp Road – NIRCC and the district office recommends a major reconstruction project on this section of SR 37 to safely accommodate Amish buggy traffic. Buggy lanes are needed along this section with a center turn lane at specific locations.
- US 27(Clinton St) from Grove Street to Fourth Street – NIRCC and the district office recommend a major reconstruction project to eliminate several dangerous curves to improve corridor safety.
- US 24 from I-69 to Homestead Road – NIRCC recommends an added travel lanes project for this section of US 24. NIRCC notes substantial growth along this corridor is anticipated.